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This form of fishing must be done in the daylight so that any interference on the part of the Newfoundland officials or the fishermen with the work of American fisherman would be done openly.

If resistance was offered by American fishermen, which might very easily lead to casualties on both sides, undoubtedly an appeal would be made to the two governments, and should warships be ordered to the scene of the difficulty the situation would become decidedly strained. This is not taking an alarmist or sensational view of the matter, it is merely stating facts and looking ahead to eventualities if a satisfactory agreement is not reached.

Exactly what will satisfy the Gloucester fishermen cannot be determined until the whole question is laid on the table. There is probably no man in Washington who so thoroughly understands the case of the Gloucester fishermen as Representative Gardner, or who so closely watches everything that in any way bears in even the most remote way on the Gloucester fishery interest.

Mr. Gardner naturally is much interested in the results of the negotiations which, it is proper to say, are merely in their first stages.

Mr. Gardner was asked what the Gloucester men wanted, but he said he it would be impossible at this time to go into the question or to discuss it intelligently until it was known what arrangement the other side had to propose.

It may be regarded as a certainty that Mr. Gardner would be consulted when that stage of the negotiations is reached, and unless the British-Canadian-Newfoundland proposals are approved by Mr. Gardner, representing his fishermen constituents, there is little prospect of the United States agreeing to them.

There will be other questions to be disposed of in which New England is interested, notably immigration.

Reciprocity will not be considered.

To facilitate a settlement being reached negotiations will be carried on directly between Secretary Root, as the representative of the American government, and Sir Mortimer Durand, representing England, assisted by Canadian and Newfoundland experts.

A high joint commission will not be appointed, as that would necessitate the appointment of commissioners by the three governments, make the proceedings a great deal more formal, and increase the difficulties of an agreement being reached. Mr. Root and Sir Mortimer, across the table in a conversational way, can accomplish a great deal more with far less trouble.

Whatever agreement is reached cannot become operative until it takes the form of a treaty, and that treaty is ratified by the senate.

It is believed here that it will be easier for the two governments to come to an understanding than it will be for the treaty to meet with the approval of the senate, owing to the passion of the senate to amend all treaties.

The hope is expressed, however, that the senate will see the wisdom of dealing with the matter in a broad spirit and giving its assent to any agreement reached, so that the danger of friction between the United States and Canada and Newfoundland may be removed.

#### New Federation of Pacific Fishermen.

At the conference of delegates of the Pacific Coast fishermen's unions, held at Astoria, Oregon, the name for the new federation was chosen, and the organization will henceforth be known as the United Fishermen of the Pacific.

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#### Good Stock.

The new sch. Hortense, Capt. Frank Vierra of Boston, stocked \$1100 as the result of her maiden trip, a pretty fine start for a market boat.

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#### Cape Herring Rights Sold.

The Agawam and Half-way pond stream herring catching privilege has been sold at auction to George M. Besse of Agawam for \$297.

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#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock, Georges, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Onato, via Boston, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Muriel, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 18,000 lbs salt cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

##### Today's Fish Market.

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Salt headline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.  
Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$3.50 for medium.  
Salt hake, \$1.00.  
Salt haddock, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, \$2.25.  
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.  
Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.  
Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.  
Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.  
Fresh halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

##### Boston.

Sch. Yankee, 2500 haddock, 14,000 cod.  
Sch. Belbina, P. Domingoes, 40,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.  
Sch. Mina Swim, 70,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.  
Sch. Nokomis, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 28,000 cod.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.75; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.25 to \$1.50.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes will probably go to Gloucester.

##### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Edward Nickerson is fitting sch. Olympia for Rips fishing.  
Capt. Vincent Nelson is now fitting sch. Gossip for a salt bank trip.  
Capt. Douglass McLean is fitting sch. Annie M. Parker for the southern mackerel seining fishery.  
Sch. Agnes will now fit for fresh halibut-ing under command of Capt. John Martin.  
Capt. M. D. McKown will fit sch. Annie Greenlaw for southern seining.  
Sch. Argo is fitting for the southern mackerel fishery under command of Capt. Edward McLean.  
Sch. A/cina is fitting for Rips fishing under command of Capt. Asa McComisky.  
Capt. Murray Larkin will fit the big sloop Viola for shore fishing and later for southern mackerel netting.  
Capt. S. Campbell Peart is fitting sch. Dauntless for southern seining.  
Capt. James McLean will begin to fit out sch. Diana today for southern mackerel seining.  
Capt. Jason Daley of sch. Muriel reports speaking schs. Valkyrie and Susan and Mary on the Peak.

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#### Herring Plentiful at Bay of Islands.

Herring still continue fairly plentiful in the upper part of Middle Arm, Bay of Islands, N. F., and fishermen daily get good fares; but outside where the schooners are laid up, there is nothing at all doing.

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#### FISHERIES QUESTION.

Now Subject of Negotiation According to Laurier.

Sir Wilfred Laurier

made two important statements in the Canadian House on Monday, to the effect that the whole question of the fisheries in waters contiguous to the United States were now the subject of negotiation between the United States and the imperial authorities, and that Canada had offered the United States reciprocity in the coasting trade, but so far had not been received by their neighbors with public favor.

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#### CAPTAIN AND CREW SEASICK.

##### Unusual Experience on Lunenburg Fishing Schooner.

During a recent gale, Capt. Schnare and his men of the Lunenburg, N. S., schooner Eva Jane had a terrible time of it on the fishing grounds. Hail, sleet and snow were driven by a terrific wind and he was compelled to lay to. A huge sea boarded the schooner, smashing the main boom and gaff, carrying the main-sail overboard. Several hours were spent before the damaged rigging was secured, when Capt. Schnare decided to return and repair. On the voyage out the captain and each member of the crew were seasick—a thing almost unheard of in connection with the hardy Lunenburg fishermen, and which serves to illustrate the unusual severity of the storm.

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#### GREAT CATCH OF SEALS.

St. Johns, March 30.—The sealing steamer Diana, with 24,000 seals in her hold, and the Vanguard, with 22,000, arrived here last night. Conservative estimates place the number of seals already taken at 550,000, the largest catch of the past 40 years.

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## TAKE EXCEPTIONS

### To Government Report on the High Price of Roe.

#### Local Dealers Say Shipments Await Takers at \$7.

What local roe exporters call the worst kind of a mistaken presentation of existing conditions is a recent statement from a report from Consul General Mason of Paris promulgated by the department of Commerce and Labor. The following extracts, being the chief points in the report will give a good idea of the tenor of the whole:

Mr. Mason says that there is now offered to the fishermen of the New England coast a ready and profitable market in France for fish roe or spawn of the cod, haddock, hake and pollock fisheries. These circumstances are concisely as follows:

"The sardine fishery, a valuable industry of France, is confined principally to the 150-mile stretch of Atlantic coast from Lorient to the mouth of the Gironde.

"For bait purposes the main recourse of the fishermen has been to the roe or eggs of codfish and mackerel derived from the fisheries of Norway, pickled in salt brine, packed in wooden barrels and imported to France under the name of roe of codfish and mackerel, dutiable at 16 cents per long ton.

"About 30,000 barrels per annum have been derived from the Scandinavian fisheries, some from the French codfisheries on the coast of Newfoundland and a small quantity from the United States. The price, delivered in France, has ranged from \$12 to \$20 per barrel, but this year, for some reason—a poor catch of fish or a diversion of the roe to other purposes—the supply from Norway has been abnormally small, and the price has advanced to nearly \$20 per barrel.

The situation has become one of threatened calamity for the fishermen, who even under normal conditions have a hard struggle for existence. They usually work under a yearly contract with a canning firm, which supplies their bait, sometimes also nets, provisions, etc., and takes their catch in return. Without bait their season's work would not only be doomed to certain failure, but if the system of artificial feeding were discontinued, or even suspended for two or three successive years, it is probable that the run of fish along the Brittany coast, on which the sardine fishery depends, would be seriously threatened.

"If the fishing interest of New England has any surplus spawn to offer," the bureau of manufactures says, "now would seem to be an exceptional opportunity to find a profitable market. As nearly as can be ascertained, large quantities of the roe of cod, haddock, hake and pollock are produced by the fisheries having headquarters at Gloucester, Nantucket and other points, and which are worth, in ordinary times, from \$5 to \$8 per barrel.

"Neat, careful and substantial packing counts a great deal for any merchandise exported to or sold in France, and American exporters who may engage in this trade should bear that fact carefully in mind. The roes should be packed in casks of the same class as mackerel barrels, which contain about 25 gallons each and strong enough to endure transportation by sea, rail and carts without danger of leakage or deterioration."

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Now the local shippers here tell an altogether story. Seeing the article, from which the above paragraphs are extracts, in a Boston paper, a TIMES representative prepared to blazon forth the good news, but first, as a matter of precaution and to get posted a little bit, called up one of the local concerns which ships considerable roe to France. He listened to the story as told above, laughed long and loud and wished that it were so, but said there was no such good luck in store. He then advised the TIMES man to call up William W. Wixon of East Gloucester, who is the largest local exporter of roe to France and who makes a specialty of that business.

Acting on the suggestion, the TIMES man saw Mr. Wixon and learned from him that the statements in the report concerning the catch and the price were far from correct. He gave the following account of the present state of affairs in the roe market as he saw it himself and as he learned it from his correspondents across the ocean. Every week he has letters and cables from his correspondent in Norway as to the state of the cod roe market and cod catch there.

His last despatch was dated March 20 and stated that the Norway cod catch up to the present time was the largest for 20 years and that already 30,000 barrels of roe had been packed, when last year there, only 34,000 barrels had been packed for the whole 12 months. Mr. Wixon said that instead of being a scarcity of roe in France there were even now some 15,000 or 20,000 barrels of roe laying round from last year's supply that had not been used. The cause of so much being left over last year was the poor successes of the sardine fishery and the small catches.

In addition to this amount, there were also some roe still held in England and Germany. The amount shipped from here annually amounted to about 6000 barrels. A few hundred barrels had been shipped recently and were now lying there, offered at \$7 per barrel and no takers. Of the 4000 barrels shipped from the New England coast, 4000 barrels were sent from here. Mr. Wixon, who is the largest local shipper, now has several hundred barrels recently shipped there and can find no market for them. These statements from a man of Mr. Wixon's standing and reputation cannot be disbelieved, and rather takes the starch out of the report's statement of nearly \$30 per barrel.

In support of Mr. Wixon's statements it can be said that it is well known that the price of roe, ex-vessel, has been going down steadily since last fall. When the fall and winter fishery opened the vessels received \$5 a barrel, but the price dropped off, kept going lower and lower until now the vessel that can get \$2 or \$2.25 for her roe per barrel is doing well. If \$30 was the market price over in France, it would be worth a great deal more here, for all the several exporting firms would be looking for it, whereas at present, there is practically no competition between the concerns even at the present low figure.

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## MOTOR FISHING BOAT LICENSES

### National Senate Makes Changes in Recently Enacted Bill.

The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries yesterday authorized a favorable report on the senate bill relieving motor fishing boats from the rigor of the recent enactment requiring a licensed engineer. The bill requires the owner to be licensed, but no examination to obtain the license is necessary.

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## MANHATTAN ARRIVES.

### Big Halibut Steamer at T Wharf To Fit.

#### Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf of This City Will Command Her.

The steel fishing steamer, Manhattan, fresh from the builders' hands, arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday afternoon and was moored to the south side of the pier. She was built for the halibut fisheries in the Northern Pacific and is owned by the New England Fish Company, being built to take the place of the steamer Columbia, which was lost about a year ago.

During the coming summer she will be used in the halibut fisheries on the Atlantic banks, using dories and trawls, like the ordinary schooner, and in the fall she will leave for the Pacific.

The Manhattan's gross tonnage is 291. She is 142 feet long, 24 feet beam and 15 feet deep. She is equipped with triple expansion engines, which develop 858 horse power and 12 knot speed.

Fully manned the vessel carries 40 men, but while on the coast her crew will number about 35. She was built by Neale & Levy at Philadelphia, and she came from the yard with a crew of 11 men, in command of Capt. John Gott, formerly of the halibut steamer Kingfisher.

The Manhattan hails from Portland, Me., and will be commanded in the halibut fishery by Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf of this city, who will begin to fit her at once.

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## ALEWIVES AT EDGARTOWN.

### Prospect Good for a Run if Weather Holds Warm.

The TIMES correspondent at Edgartown writes that 1000 alewives were taken there on March 27 and 1000 on March 28, also that the prospects are good for a run if the weather holds warm.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

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Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.  
Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Fresh halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

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Sch. Kernwood, 12,000 haddock, 1,000 cod.  
Sch. Minneola, 600 haddock, 600 cod.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.  
Sloop Venus, 500 cod.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 13,000 haddock, 1,000 cod.  
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6,000 haddock.  
Sch. William A. Morse, 3,000 haddock, 2,100 cod.  
Sch. Henrietta G. Morton, 1,200 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Mattie Bundage, 13,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Steamer Ida, 800 haddock.  
Sch. Torpedo, 500 haddock, 3,000 cod.  
Sch. Sachem, 2,000 cod.  
Sch. Motor, 1,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Flitz A. Oakes, 2,000 cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, 9,000 haddock, 800 cod.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 17,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Haddock, \$1 to \$2; large cod, \$2 to \$2.25; market cod, \$1.25; hake, \$3 to \$6.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., is coming here from Boston to fit for Rips fishing.  
Capt. Fred. Howard will command sch. Apomatox in the Rips fishery.  
Capt. Alex. McLeod of this port has chartered the fine sch. Fame of Boston and will fit her for the southern mackerel fishery.

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**WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN.**

**Steamer New England Landed  
265,000 Pounds Halibut.**

**Largest Halibut Trip in History  
of World's Fisheries.**

Packed to her utmost capacity, with every inch of space available above and below decks crowded with fish, the New England Fish Company's steamer New England, Capt. Freeman, glided into Vancouver, B. C., harbor on Friday evening of last week with the biggest catch of halibut ever landed from one steamer at any port in the world. There were 265,000 pounds in the cargo and there would have been more if there had been any place to put them.

The vessel was just eight days from port to port and this means that 25 men got \$3,000 for eight days' work, making them pretty nearly the best paid men in the city.

The fishermen report that the banks are simply teeming with fish. They were so crowded in the water that they seemed glad to get caught and get out of the crush. It was a magnificent Lenten scene at the New England dock after the steamer arrived.

The fish were made ready for forwarding east as rapidly as possible. Several cars went forward and a special train took nine cars more last Sunday.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

**To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Kineo, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Marsala, Georges, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 3500 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. James W. Parker, via Boston.  
Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 33,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Moanum, returned.  
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, returned.  
Sch. Reliance, shore.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.  
Sch. Emerald, shore.  
Sch. Hope, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.  
Sch. Genesta, shore.  
Sch. Shepherd King, via Boston.

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Salt hake, \$1.00.  
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Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Fresh halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

**Boston.**

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 3,400 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Albert W. Black, 5,500 haddock, 700 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Sylvia N. Nunan, 5,000 haddock, 1,000 cod.  
Sch. Defender, 1,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 27,000 haddock, 2,000 cod.  
Sch. Julietta, 50,000 haddock, 1,000 cod.  
Sch. Etta Mildred, 12,000 haddock, 2,000 cod.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 9,000 haddock, 1,500 cod, 1,500 cusk.  
Sch. Priscilla, 8,000 cod.  
Sch. Isabel, 4,000 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2,000 haddock, 1,000 cod.  
Sch. Mary Edith, 8,000 haddock, 1,000 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Viking, 20,000 haddock, 400 cod.  
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 7,000 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. James S. Steele, 2,000 haddock, 200 cod, 900 hake, 7,000 cusk.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 1,000 haddock, 1,000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 8,000 haddock, 3,000 cod.  
Sch. Stranger, 14,000 haddock, 1,000 cod.  
Sch. George H. Lube, 3,500 haddock, 1,500 hake.  
Sch. Benlah Maud, 2,500 cod.  
Sch. Dixie, 2,500 haddock, 3,500 cod.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 7,000 haddock, 1,000 cod.  
Sch. Quartette, 600 haddock.  
Sch. Harrie M. Yonng, 1,500 haddock.  
Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.10 to \$1.15; hake, \$2 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$2.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Capt. Clifford Hopkins is here to fit sch. E. C. Hussey for Rips fishing.

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**LOOKING FOR HALIBUT.**

**Otter Trawler Spray Has Gone  
to Western Bank.**

**Capt. Malone Giving Queer Craft  
a Good Tryout.**

Many have no doubt wondered why the otter trawler Spray has been gone so long on her present trip, and why she has not yet arrived, especially where it is known that they had a spell of good weather on Georges and that fish have been plentiful and the big cod school has struck on.

The craft has not been seen on Georges by any of the recent arrivals, but it is known that just previous to the departure of the Spray on the present trip, Capt. Malone confided to several of his intimate skipper friends that he was not going haddocking this time, but was going down to Western Bank to try for a trip of halibut.

The arrival of the craft, therefore, and the size of her trip is awaited with great interest. The craft has fairly proved the uselessness of the otter trawl in winter haddocking in these waters, and it looks as though she was now trying halibuting as a last resort.

Is is an open secret on T wharf that after this trip it is planned to put the common, every day, and in some circles much despised dories with every day trawl gear on board the craft and let her go at fishing in a regular manner.

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**FISH STAGNATION.**

**Many Quintals Held at St. John's,  
N. F., Unsold.**

It is estimated that at present there are 300,000 quintals of last season's catch of fish stored in St. John's, N. F., which remain unsold. The European markets while not glutted, do not offer sufficient inducements to ship at a profit, considering the high prices paid for fish last fall. Not for some time has so much fish been held at St. John's as this season, and parties who claim to know say that the prices the coming season will be considerably less than last.

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**The Oily Menhaden.**

The oily character of the menhaden is familiar. It is caught for its oil, which is tried out in factories. Menhaden fishermen use purse nets, which are tarred to preserve them. To keep their hands from sticking to the tarred nets they rub on them a freshly caught menhaden, handling it somewhat as they would a cake of soap. So oily is the menhaden that the simple pressure thus applied is enough to bring through the scales oil sufficient for the purpose.